

# DARMS LANE

*Napa Valley*



## 2011 CABERNET SAUVIGNON, BON PASSE VINEYARD, NAPA VALLEY

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**VINEYARD:** The Estate Bon Passe Vineyard is located in the southwestern bench lands of Napa Valley, in the Oak Knoll District appellation. The vineyard is comprised of both hillsides and valley floor, with varying soil types. As a result, we harvest our six blocks separately to take advantage of the different lots and add complexity to our wines.

**APPELLATION:** Oak Knoll District, Napa Valley

**GROWING SEASON NOTES:** 2011 was one of the coolest vintages on record with mild temperature for most of the season. Attention to detail during this season was key to maximize fruit character and avoid threats created by cooler temperature and rain. We carefully picked our fruit leaving a lot of it behind (mostly unripe) from October 21 to 24, taking advantage of the warm weather and avoiding the rain.

**VARIETAL:** 94% Cabernet Sauvignon, 4% Petit Verdot, 1% Cabernet Franc, 1% Merlot

**WINEMAKER:** Brian Mox

**BARREL AGING:** 21 months in Oak – 60% new: 90% French, 10% American

**WINEMAKER TASTING NOTES:** Our 2011 Bon Passe reveals exuberant notes of black-cherry, cappuccino, cedar and ripe raspberry. Medium-body with silky tannins, the palate is round and soft with mouthwatering flavors of chocolate, almond, fig and black currant. The wine is well balanced and its lower tannin content makes it more approachable in its age than other vintages. Enjoy now!

**PRODUCTION:** 500 cases